

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is in condition for allowance.


The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences Decision on Appeal dated June 30, 2004, held that none of the Examiner's rejections were sustained and further indicated that claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112(2).

Applicant has amended claim 17 to be a system claim in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112(6), thereby overcoming the rejection presented in the Decision on Appeal. Moreover, Applicant submits that claim 17 is allowable over the previously-cited references for the same reasons presented in the Appeal Brief for claim 12 (directed to a corresponding arrangement). Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 17, along with the remaining claims (1-12, 14-16 and 18-19) are allowable over the Examiner's rejections and requests that the rejection of claim 17 be withdrawn.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that the rejection is overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (651) 686-6633.

Respectfully submitted,

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